

To whom this may concern

I Sandi Merchant first arrived in Connecticut in January of 2007. The main reason I came to Connecticut was to attend college and further my education. My aunt told me about Gateway Community College, she said, "it is a great college." I lived in Connecticut for a year and then decided to apply to Gateway. I applied to Gateway Community College July 2008; I was accepted and started fall that same year. I enrolled in the Business Administrative Assistant Program and was awarded Financial Aid. The financial aid was a great asset to me because without it I would not be able to attend college.

What I have realized is that, at Gateway Community College we the students are safe and loved. The instructors at Gateway care about their student; they encourage and believe in us. They care so much that they even check up on their past student to see if they are still doing good or if they need help with work from other classes. In summer 2010 I applied to be a student worker and received a job working in the Calling Center. I transferred to the Admission Office when the Calling Center was finished. I am presently, still working in the Admission Office with the Director, Mrs. Kim Shea, Mrs. Pam Dedona, Associate Director, Ms. Elizabeth Vega and four more ladies. The Admissions Office is pretty busy during the beginning of the semesters. I love working in the Admission Office especially because the ladies there are very encouraging, kind, and respectful to others. They also listen to any problems or concerns that students of Gateway have encountered in the admissions process or any other steps. I can honestly say, "I have learned a lot since working in the admission office such as answering phones, filing, creating

files, and most of all dealing with the general public with the application process of what is required to attend Gateway Community College.” I am also doing my internship in the Admissions Office and enjoying every moment of it.

Gateway Community College is a family, I definitely know without Gateway I do not think I would be in college. I am so proud of myself because I will be graduating from Gateway in May with an Associates degree in Business Administrative Assistant. I would like to say, “Please do not cut the financial aid because there are great number of people who are interested in furthering their education at Gateway and would not be able to because it will be too expensive and we can not afford it.”

Sincerely

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